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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rabbi Carl Wolkin on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth  
5 Shalom in Northbrook; and

6           WHEREAS, Rabbi Carl Wolkin earned his Bachelor of Arts in  
7 Classics from Columbia University in 1968; he subsequently  
8 received his rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological  
9 Seminary in 1973; and

10           WHEREAS, After teaching at the Hebrew High School of Temple  
11 Israel of Great Neck, Rabbi Carl Wolkin served as the Associate  
12 Rabbi of the congregation from 1972 to 1980; in 1980, he was  
13 selected to serve as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in  
14 Northbrook; and

15           WHEREAS, Rabbi Carl Wolkin was a strong and dependable  
16 leader at Congregation Beth Shalom, always striving to better  
17 serve the needs and desires of a diverse and growing  
18 membership, while also adhering to his strong, traditional  
19 Jewish values; and

20           WHEREAS, During his tenure, Rabbi Carl Wolkin has served as  
21 the President of the Northbrook Clergy Association and the

1 Chicago Region of the Rabbinical Assembly; he has also served  
2 as president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis and a member of the  
3 Jewish United Fund Board; he continues to serve as the  
4 President of the Community Mikvah of the Conservative Movement  
5 and is a member of the Rabbinic Advisory Council of the  
6 Chicagoland Jewish High School; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2004, Rabbi Carl Wolkin was in the first group  
8 of graduates of the Center for Rabbinic Enrichment of the  
9 Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem; this group of North  
10 American Rabbis completed a 3-year program of study at the  
11 Institute in Jerusalem and in the United States; he has also  
12 studied Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem; and

13 WHEREAS, Rabbi Carl Wolkin and his wife, Judy, have 2  
14 children, Joshua and David, and a daughter-in-law, Keeli; and

15 WHEREAS, Rabbi Carl Wolkin serves as a model of hard work,  
16 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
17 Illinois; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate Rabbi Carl Wolkin on the occasion of his  
21 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the  
22 future; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Rabbi Carl Wolkin as a symbol of our esteem and  
3 respect.